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December 3, 2004 MarineFisheries Advisory

COMMERCIAL FLUKE POSSESSION LIMIT INCREASED TO 1,000-LBS. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2004.

MarineFisheries will increase the commercial summer flounder (fluke) possession limit to 1,000-lbs. on Sunday, December 5th.

This action will ensure that the state's entire commercial quota is reached before year's end while minimizing regulatory discards that may be occurring. Therefore the possession limit for commercially caught fluke will increase from 300-lbs. to 1,000-lbs. effective 0001 hours on Sunday, December 5, 2004.

The 2005 commercial fluke fishery will begin on January 1, 2005 with a 2,500-lb. daily trip limit.

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.